

Testimony in support of
H.B. No. 5423 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO COLLECT DATA
RELATED TO FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE DELIVERY IN THE STATE.

Planning and Development Committee members:

As President of the Connecticut Career Fire Chiefs Association, I have participated in the Summit 2025 initiative, as well as working with Martin Heft of OPM to examine the Obstacles to Mergers and Consolidation of Fire Departments as required by HB 6422.

As you may know, one of the issues that has risen to the top of our list is data collection. For the Connecticut fire service to fully understand the gaps and disparities in service, we need good data.

We stand with Fairfield Fire Chief Denis McCarthy and the entire Joint Council of Fire Service Organizations in recommending the proposed 3 year pilot program. We recommend the NFORs/FireCares analytics provided by the non-profit International Public Safety Institute. <https://i-psdi.org/nfors-overview.html#>

To that end, please support HB 5423.

Sincerely,

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